

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SELECT BOARD

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Via Zoom Call

6:30 PM

Select Board members on the call: George Willard, Bill Ezell, and Ken Caisse

Other Attendees: John Sawyer, Connie Kieley, Christine Robidoux, Gail Cromwell, Boo Martin, Cam Lockwood, Kathy Boot & Carole Singelais.

Meeting called to order by Caisse at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Ken Caisse Remarks:

- ***Caisse reminded participants that the meeting was being held electronically pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, Section 8, Emergency Order #12, Section 3.***

Public Comment: Christine Robidoux reported that the broadband committee has scheduled a public forum on December 10th at 7pm via zoom. She would like to put a notice in the paper once the select board approves. She noted that both Comcast and Consolidated Communications will be on hand to answer questions. Caisse motioned to spend up to \$100 to post the notice in the ledger. Ezell seconded, roll call vote unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- **Marsh Litigation Update:** Caisse reported the case has been pushed out again and that the board needs to give Attorney Dresher permission to submit the case to either a paid or unpaid mediator. Caisse noted that Dresher recommended a paid mediator and Ezell agreed with this noting that in the past he has not been impressed with unpaid mediators. He also mentioned we are required by the state to mediate. Ezell motioned to allow Chris Dresher to proceed with the paid mediator. Willard seconded, roll call vote was unanimous to approve.
- **Discussion on outdated Elderly & Veteran's Exemption amounts:** Caisse said a work meeting needs to be set soon.

New Business:

- **Tap Maple trees behind the Temple offices** – Jonathan Sawyer asked the board for permission to tap the maple trees and mentioned he was allowed to do this about 10 years ago. He also said he would like to donate some syrup to a charity selected by the board. Caisse asked if John was from Temple, John replied he was from New Ipswich. Caisse motioned to allow Jonathan to tap the trees and to make a syrup donation to the Temple Food Pantry. Ezell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

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- **Change of Use**– Caisse mentioned that Stepping Stones Farm and Event Center has changed from a camp to a public venue so there needs to be documentation on the change of use. Applying to the planning board for a site plan review was discussed and Caisse believed that everything would then fall into place and give us the documentation needed to show change of use. Boo Martin was happy to work with the select board and planning board to do what is necessary. She believed that she had done her due diligence and has done a presentation in front of the planning board. Caisse will get in touch with George Clark and see if there are any other requirements.
- **COVID19 Update**– No update at this time.
- **Energy Committee payment request** – Caisse mentioned they had received an email request from Bev Edwards requesting a reimbursement be withdrawn from the Energy Committee budget for the monthly Vista Print fees for the Energy committees website from January to November totaling \$252.78. Caisse said the normal AP voucher would need to be completed and submitted to the bookkeeper. Caisse motioned to pay the \$252.78 as a reimbursement to Bev Edwards for the Energy committee. Ezell seconded the motion. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor.
- **Library Landscaping** – Cam Lockwood asked for permission to do some landscaping in front of the Library on the sloped area in the springtime. She would also like to partner with a professional who has expertise with sloped areas. She stated the Library has private money and it would not cost the town anything. Caisse said he had no problem with this. Cromwell commented it will cost the town something and mentioned that the Village green committee previously proposed a plan and would also have paid for it. She also noted it should not be the Library's responsibility, slopes are difficult to garden. Cam said the company they are using has experience with sloped areas and did a great job in Jaffrey. She noted the Library has an extra \$500 that was added to their maintenance account. Cam also commented that the trustees would like to have a teaching garden to teach about different types of plants. Caisse stated that knowing the history between the Library and Village Green on this matter, he is all for motioning that the Library do their own thing. Willard seconded the motion. Connie Kieley recommended that before they give approval, they should see what the landscaping plan will look like. Caisse said that is how they usually do things and revised the motion to say that once the plans are in place, the Library will come back to the board for approval. Ezell seconded the revised motion, roll call vote was unanimous in favor.
- **Report on a possible well on the town common** –Gail Cromwell reported she has been in touch with Pete Caswell and noted that the pipes used in the past, could not be found so they were discussing drilling a well. Pete expected this to cost about \$3,000 to \$4,000. Placement and how it would look, the water quality, possible treatments due to high levels of manganese, were also discussed. Christine mentioned there may be an opportunity for a grant for village revitalization if the water is potable. Connie said they should look at the budget and if we treat the water, how much will it cost. Caisse said we need to make sure the trees at the common get water next

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year. Caisse made a motion that Gail will look into adding this to the 2021 budget, and we also do our due diligence by looking for grant opportunities. Ezell seconded the motion, roll call vote, Caisse yes, Ezell yes, Willard abstained.

- **Letter to the Trustees of the Trust Funds for Cemetery expense reimbursement** – Gail explained that in the trust funds there are 5 or 6 small funds that when people died, they gave money for the care of the cemetery so there is interest earned on those funds. The town now needs to write a letter and state what the expenses are and ask to be reimbursed. The select board assistant will write the letter and notify the SB when it is ready for approvals.
- **Appoint Anne Lunt and Jennifer Kiley to the Village Green Committee** - The board received letters of interest from Anne and Jennifer therefore, Willard motioned to appoint Anne Lunt and Jennifer Kiley to the VGC with terms through 2023. Ezell seconded, roll call vote unanimously approved the requests.
- **Review and Approve LCIP report** –Caisse said this is done each year for the Town Hall building. Caisse motioned to approve and send out the report. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous to approve. Connie noted that this will only need to be done until 2024.
- **Discuss purchasing an Air Purifier for the town offices** – Ezell reported he has looked at many units of different sizes and prices. Potential locations at the office, square footage, and unit types were discussed. Willard mentioned hopefully a vaccine will be available soon and maybe we won't need the units? Caisse wondered if we should get just one now? Ezell will do some more research and pricing to discuss at the next board meeting. Willard moved to table the item for the time being to allow Ezell to do more research.
- **Discuss Maintenance of Municipal building heating system** – Caisse said that both the boiler and the water tank has leaks. The Select board assistant has been in touch with a company who installed the units and has serviced the units before. Verbal quote of about \$800-\$900 was given for repairs and annual service. Connie mentioned we may have used Pinney at the Town Hall in the past. SB assistant will find out if the Town Hall needs maintenance and include if necessary. Caisse motioned to spend up to \$1000 for the fixes and annual maintenance at the municipal building, and up to \$1000 at the Town Hall if needed. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in approval.
- **Approve Solar permit application – Wildes - Hill Rd.** – The board approved this application.
- **Approve Occupancy permit (8X10) milking barn addition** – Ezell asked if this was needed. Caisse explained that occupancy permits should be issued for everything so we know when projects have been completed and so Avitar is notified promptly.
- **Other Business:**

Caisse mentioned he had taken the on line class for CodeRED training and he will be getting together with George Clark to work on his training. Once all of the training is completed by the

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designated emergency people, we can send out a notice to the public on how they can register for the service. The select board assistant will follow up on the training progress.

- **Review Meeting Minutes November 10 and November 19th, 2020–** Caisse motioned to approve the November 10th minutes as amended. Ezell seconded, roll call vote was unanimous in agreement. Willard motioned to accept the November 19th minutes as amended. Ezell seconded, roll call vote unanimously approved.
- **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:37 PM. Motioned by Willard, second by Ezell, roll call vote Ezell yes, Willard yes, Caisse yes.

Next Select Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Remote numbers will be provided in the event we are still handling meetings remotely. Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Carole Singelais